



Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry

*Quick Start Guide
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Overview

As required by Public Law 112-260, Dignified Burial and Other Veterans' Benefits Improvement Act of 2012, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) launched the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry. The Registry is a database of health information from Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation New Dawn (OEF/OIF/OND) or 1990-1991 Gulf War Veterans and Servicemembers collected through a questionnaire about exposures to airborne hazards (such as smoke from burn pits, oil-well fires or pollution during deployment), as well as other exposures and health concerns.

The Registry will help participants become more aware of their own potential health issues and help VA better understand the potential health effects of deployment-related exposures. By enrolling in the Registry, you can create a snapshot from which to identify changes in your health, print and use your completed questionnaire to discuss concerns with your provider, and learn about follow-up care. **NOTE:** Participation in the Registry is voluntary and will not affect your access to health care or benefits.

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Eligibility for Participation

Veterans and Servicemembers who served in the Southwest Asia theater of operations (as defined in 38 CFR 3.317 (e)(2)) after August 2, 1990, or in Djibouti, Africa or Afghanistan after September 11, 2001, are eligible to participate in the registry. To use the Registry, you must have a DS Logon Level 2 (Premium) Account. If you do not have a DS Logon Level 2 (Premium) Account, or you are not sure, you can:

- Select the **Need a DS Logon?** button in the column on the Home screen of the Registry.
- Visit mobilehealth.va.gov/dslogon, or call **1-800-983-0937**.

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How to Access the Registry

- VA Launchpad, which you can access at mobilehealth.va.gov/appstore. The VA Launchpad is an easy way to consolidate VA's Mobile Applications (Apps) and websites that require a DS Logon, and enables you to sign in once to access multiple tools.
- Directly from the Registry Home screen at <https://veteran.mobilehealth.va.gov/AHBurnPitRegistry/>.

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Is this for me?

- The registry is a database of information about Veterans and Servicemembers collected through a questionnaire.
- OEF/OIF/OND or 1990-1991 Gulf War Veterans and Servicemembers can use the registry questionnaire to report exposures to airborne hazards (such as smoke from burn pits, oil-well fires, or pollution during deployment), as well as other exposures and health concerns.

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Why sign up?

- Create a snapshot from which to identify changes in your health.
- Print and use your completed questionnaire to discuss concerns with your provider.
- Learn about follow-up care and VA benefits.
- Instructions are available if you need assistance with the questionnaire.

Get Registry Help »

Sign up in 3 easy steps

1. Use your **Premium DS Logon Level 2** account to access the questionnaire. You must have a **Premium DS Logon Level 2** account to participate.
2. Complete entire questionnaire and submit.
3. Print or save completed questionnaire for your records.

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Logging In

When you reach the Registry Home screen you will be prompted to enter your DS Logon Level 2 (Premium) account credentials. After you sign in, you will be taken to a screen that asks you to confirm you consent to the End User License Agreement ("EULA") and Notice of Privacy Practices ("Notice").

Read the EULA and Notice. Select the **I Consent, take me to the registry** button if you wish to proceed, or the **I Do Not Consent, exit** button to exit.

If you consent, you will be taken to a Welcome screen or a screen that allows you to request an eligibility review. See instructions for requesting an eligibility review in the **Requesting an eligibility review section** of this Quick Start Guide.

If you are taken to a Welcome screen, you will be asked to verify that your name is listed correctly. If your name is listed correctly, select the **Yes, It's Me** button and proceed through the steps. If your name is not listed correctly, select the **No, It's Not Me** button and proceed through the steps.

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You are ready to participate in the registry.

OMB Control No. 2900-0800: This information is collected in accordance with section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Accordingly, VA may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB number. We anticipate that the time expended by all individuals who complete this questionnaire will average 40 minutes. This includes the time it will take to read instructions, gather the necessary facts and fill out the form. The results of this questionnaire will lead to improvement in the quality of service delivery by helping to shape the direction and focus of specific programs and services. Submission of this form is voluntary and failure to respond will have no impact on benefits to which you may be entitled.

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By agreeing to install VA's mobile application ("Application") on to your device and by subsequent use of the Licensed Software, you agree to comply with the terms of this general End User License Agreement ("EULA") and Notice of Privacy Practices ("Notice"). If you do not agree to the terms of this EULA and Notice, do not install or use the Licensed Software but uninstall it from your device. This EULA and Notice applies to any upgrades and supplements to the original Licensed Software provided and is referred to on your opening screen. A copy of the EULA is available from within the Licensed Software. It is your responsibility to review any future changes to the EULA and to uninstall the software if you do not agree to the terms.

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I Consent, take me to the registry **I Do Not Consent, exit**

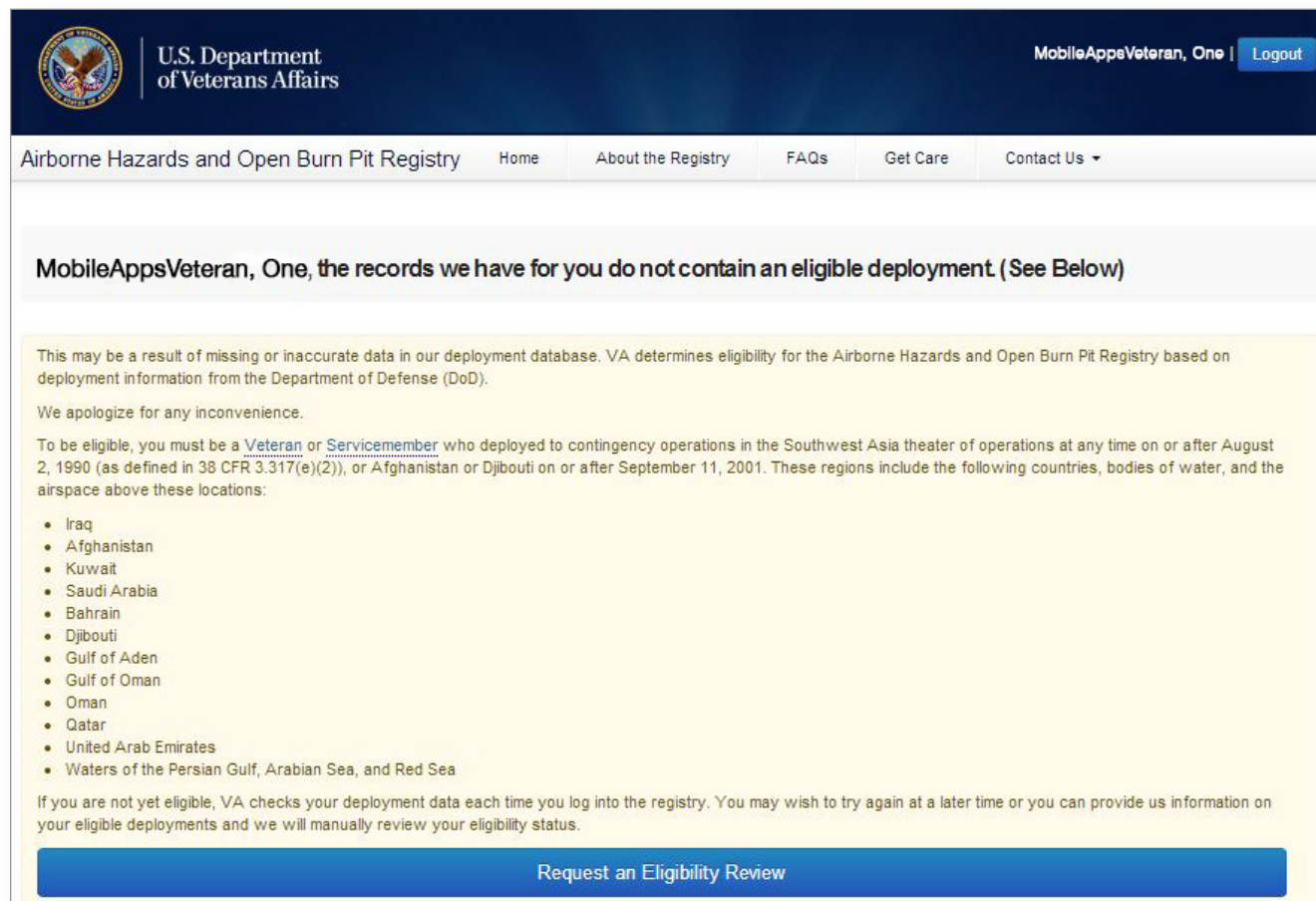
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Requesting an eligibility review

VA determines eligibility for the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry based on deployment information from the Department of Defense (DoD). In some cases, the records VA has for you do not contain an eligible deployment. This may be a result of missing or inaccurate data in VA's deployment system.

To request an eligibility review, select the **Request an Eligibility Review** button then follow the three steps to request a review of your registry eligibility.

NOTE: You will only have the option to request an eligibility review if the records VA has for you do not contain eligible deployment information.



The screenshot shows the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website interface. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the VA seal, the text "U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs", and a "MobileAppsVeteran, One" button with a "Logout" link. Below the header is a navigation bar with links: "Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry", "Home", "About the Registry", "FAQs", "Get Care", and "Contact Us". The main content area has a light gray background with a heading: "MobileAppsVeteran, One, the records we have for you do not contain an eligible deployment (See Below)". Below this heading is a yellow box containing the following text:

This may be a result of missing or inaccurate data in our deployment database. VA determines eligibility for the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry based on deployment information from the Department of Defense (DoD).

We apologize for any inconvenience.

To be eligible, you must be a Veteran or Service member who deployed to contingency operations in the Southwest Asia theater of operations at any time on or after August 2, 1990 (as defined in 38 CFR 3.317(e)(2)), or Afghanistan or Djibouti on or after September 11, 2001. These regions include the following countries, bodies of water, and the airspace above these locations:

- Iraq
- Afghanistan
- Kuwait
- Saudi Arabia
- Bahrain
- Djibouti
- Gulf of Aden
- Gulf of Oman
- Oman
- Qatar
- United Arab Emirates
- Waters of the Persian Gulf, Arabian Sea, and Red Sea

If you are not yet eligible, VA checks your deployment data each time you log into the registry. You may wish to try again at a later time or you can provide us information on your eligible deployments and we will manually review your eligibility status.

At the bottom of the yellow box is a blue button labeled "Request an Eligibility Review".

Format of the Questionnaire

The questionnaire takes approximately 40 minutes to complete. Depending on the structure of each question, you will answer by selecting answers from a drop-down list, selecting the circle next to the answer that corresponds to your situation, searching for the appropriate response or typing in your answer.

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1. Eligible Deployment History

1.1. Deployment Data from the VA Defense Information Repository (VADIR) and other sources

Please Confirm Your Eligible Deployment History

Our records are incomplete and may contain inaccurate information. If any of your listed deployments are incorrect, please select the "No" checkbox and add the correct deployment information in the search field below.

If you have had any eligible deployments to the Southwest Asia theater, Djibouti or Afghanistan that are not already listed, please add the missing eligible deployments using the search field below.

Have overlapping deployment dates? Please ensure that your deployment dates do not overlap.

Please Note: This questionnaire does not need to be completed in one session. For your convenience you may save your progress by using the "Save Changes" button above. Your answers will also be saved when using the "Next Section" button.

Deployment Periods - Please Select the 'Yes' Checkbox if the Information is Correct

Correct	Branch	Begin Date	End Date	Conflict	Location
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	A	02/23/1991	08/30/1991	Desert Storm	Iraq
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	A	11/30/1992	05/30/1993	Provide Comfort	Iraq

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What You Will be Asked

You will be asked about your health history, deployment history and current work environment and lifestyle. The questions are designed to provide a broad and complete picture of your health. Even if you do not think some of your deployment information is related to exposures or that your lifestyle affects your health, you should still provide as much information as possible.

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Saving Your Answers

You do not have to complete the questionnaire in one sitting. You have the option to save your answers at any time by selecting the **Save Changes** button at the bottom of each screen. However, your answers will not be submitted into the Registry until you have completed the entire questionnaire.

The screenshot shows the 'Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry' interface. At the top, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs logo is on the left, and 'MobileAppsVeteran, One | Logout' is on the right. Below the header, a navigation bar includes 'Home', 'About the Registry', 'FAQs', 'Get Care', and 'Contact Us'. The main content area has two tabs: '1 Update Contact Information' and '2 Continue Questionnaire'. A sidebar on the left lists various sections: 'DEPLOYMENT HISTORY', 'SYMPTOMS AND MEDICAL HISTORY' (with sub-items like 'Functional Limitation and Reported Cause', 'Health Conditions', 'Height and Weight', 'Cancer History', 'Tobacco Exposure', and 'Deployment Smoking History'), 'HEALTH CONCERNS', 'PLACES YOU'VE LIVED', 'WORK HISTORY', 'HOME ENVIRONMENT AND HOBBIES', 'HEALTH CARE UTILIZATION', and 'CONTACT PREFERENCES'. The 'Deployment Smoking History' section is currently selected. The main content area shows 'Questionnaire Completion 42%' with a green progress bar. Below this is a navigation bar with '← Previous Section', 'Save Changes', and 'Next Section →'. The 'Save Changes' button is highlighted with a circular callout. The questionnaire content includes the heading '2. Symptoms and Medical History' and a prompt: 'Tell us your health history. Please list any symptoms you have experienced since your deployment, even if you don't think they're related to a deployment exposure.' Below this is section '2.6. Deployment Smoking History' with two questions: 'A. Did you start smoking for the first time while being deployed?' and 'B. How did deployment(s) change how much you smoked?'. Both questions have a '(Not Applicable)' response option. At the bottom, there is another navigation bar with '← Previous Section', 'Save Changes', and 'Next Section →'.

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Submitting Your Answers

After you have answered all of the questions, select **Submit Questionnaire** to finalize your enrollment in the Registry. The screen will show you the date you submitted the questionnaire.

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Referencing Your Answers

After you have submitted the questionnaire, there will be options for you to view documents for downloading or printing. You can even access the completed copy of the questionnaire that you submitted. **NOTE:** If you download or print the questionnaire, ensure that you are taking steps to protect your personal information.

Next Steps and Resources

The Registry provides background and resources about airborne hazards and open burn pits. This information is accessible from the initial login screen. Additionally, there are five tabs along the top of the screen to direct you to the information and assistance you need: Home, About the Registry, FAQs, Get Care, and Contact Us. These tabs will always be visible so that you can consult the information at any time.

The screenshot shows the 'Next Steps and Resources' page of the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry. The page header includes the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs logo and the text 'MobileAppVeteran, One | Logout'. Below the header is a navigation bar with tabs: 'Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry', 'Home', 'About the Registry', 'FAQs', 'Get Care', and 'Contact Us'. A progress bar indicates three steps: '1 Update Contact Information', '2 Review Completed Questionnaire', and '3 Next Steps and Resources'. A blue button labeled 'Next Steps →' is visible. The main content area contains a congratulatory message from the VA and DoD, followed by a privacy notice. At the bottom, there is a section titled 'View Documents for Downloading or Printing' with three rows: 'Questionnaire: Submitted 07/31/2014' with a 'Questionnaire' button, 'Participation Letter' with a 'Participation Letter' button, and 'Fact Sheets' with a 'VA Fact Sheet for Veterans' button.

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Congratulations ONE VAMOBILEPATIENT, you have completed the questionnaire and are now a participant in the registry
We greatly appreciate your participation in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry. Your participation may assist VA and the Department of Defense (DoD) address important health concerns related to deployment.

VA and DoD thank you for the time you have spent completing the survey. We encourage you to share the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry with fellow Servicemembers and Veterans who may be eligible.

On behalf of VA and DoD thank you for your participation.

This summary will contain information from your entries into the VA Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry.
You have a responsibility to keep your health information safe. While VA ensures privacy and security of your personal health information while the data is in VA systems, VA cannot ensure privacy once you remove a copy of your information from a VA system. Once information is downloaded, saved, printed, emailed, faxed or shared by other method, its protection is up to you. If you print copies of your personal health information, be careful not to leave it in any public places and store copies in a safe place, like a locked file cabinet. If you share your personal health information with others, VA has no authority to ensure these people protect your privacy. Be careful of who you give copies of your personal health information, whether the information was entered by you or is from a VA system. Be sure to destroy printed copies of your health information preferably with a shredder.

View Documents for Downloading or Printing

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Resources within the Registry

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Next Steps and Resources

Dear ONE VAMOBILEPATIENT,

We greatly appreciate your participation in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry. We recommend that fellow Veterans and Servicemembers who are eligible also participate in the registry.

If you are experiencing any urgent symptoms, such as difficulty breathing or chest pains, you should go to the nearest emergency room, call 911, or contact your primary care manager for guidance.

On behalf of VA and DoD thank you for your participation

DoD encourages active duty Servicemembers and retirees to:

- Get care:
 - Active Duty (Active Duty Servicemembers, including activated Reserve and Guard personnel):** If you have any non-urgent health or exposure concerns, you may contact your local military hospital or clinic to schedule an appointment for a voluntary medical evaluation. You should state that you are calling for an appointment specifically to address "health concerns related to the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry exposures." DoD will provide you with a voluntary medical evaluation upon request. Please note a medical evaluation is NOT required to be in the registry.
 - Reserve Component members (Army and Air National Guard, and Reserve):** Whether discharged or still serving, you are eligible for a no-cost Veterans Health Administration health care evaluation, just like other Veterans. If you are a Veteran or inactive/separated National Guard or Reservist, are not enrolled in the VA health care system and would like to schedule a no-cost medical evaluation, please contact a VA Environmental Health Coordinator in your area by visiting this link: <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/coordinators.asp>

Additional Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry Training Materials

More resources, such as a User Manual, Slideshow and FAQs, can be found on mobilehealth.va.gov/training.